

MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION

NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a study session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the media center at Grovecrest Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, and Paula H. Hill.

Excused: Deborah C. Taylor.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were four others in attendance.

The following took place during the study session:

1. The Board members attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Pleasant Grove High School Athletic Facility.
2. Business Services Administrator, Robert W. Smith, Assistant Director of Accounting, Jason Sundberg, and Director of Accounting, Steve Reese reviewed with the Board the 2016 enrollment projections. They responded to a number of questions from Board members.

There was discussion about the definition of capacity and instructional space in a school building. Board members would like to see the capacity numbers for the central facilities of each school. Rob's team will review the capacity numbers and bring more information back to the Board.

The study session concluded at approximately 5:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – November 24, 2015

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Grovecrest Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart and Paula H. Hill.

Excused: Deborah C. Taylor.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 92 others in attendance.

Board member Brian E. Halladay conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cub Scout Troop 702 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVERENCE

Mary Anne Grant offered the reverence.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

The following Grovecrest students were recognized for their excellence:

- Timber Tanner
- Asher Borchardt
- Grandin Brinkerhoff
- Wade Tracy
- Shayna Southam
- Abigail Johnson
- 6th Grade Grizzly Greeters (23 students)

ALPINE FOUNDATION RECOGNITIONS

Julie Van Dijk, Foundation Board member, presented the “You Make A Difference” awards to the following individuals at Grovecrest Elementary:

- Heather Connell, Certified Employee
- Ryan Green, Certified Employee
- Susan Bertele, Classified Employee
- Cheryl De St Jeor, Classified Employee
- Jennifer Amador, Volunteer
- Maggie Anderson, Volunteer

PRINCIPAL, PTA, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Principal Kyle Hoopes reported on the topics of supportive parents, PTA and School Community Council at Grovecrest Elementary. The teachers are committed to the PLC process and to the school motto, “Every child is my child.” Principal Hoopes said the students are *amazing*, kind and always thinking of others, which was demonstrated by creating a flag memorial to the people of Paris, France, affected by the terrorist attacks.

PTA President Nicole Scott reported that the main objective of the PTA is to bring the teachers and parents at Grovecrest together for the common good of the children. The PTA enhances the art and music programs via the participation and service volunteers. Every classroom is supported by a room mom and has at least one classroom partner.

SCC Chair Angela Johnson reported on the school improvement plan designed to support the education of students, and to decide with the administrators and teachers how to spend Land Trust funds to support the following goals:

1. Improve proficiency in reading for grades K-6.
 - a. Money was used to pay for teachers to administer a diagnostic reading test before the school year started.
 - b. An aide was hired to help with double dosing for struggling students in the lower grades.
 - c. Funds were used to hire a music aide as part of the state music program.
 - d. The SCC feels that the Land Trust funds are important, especially considering that they, in-part help to provide the much needed resources to help with both math and reading skills in all of the grades.
 - e. Funds were used to send a team of teachers to the BYU-SITES and PLC conferences to support professional development and enhance skills in the learning communities.
 - f. A small stipend was paid to the media specialist because of the extra help she provides to students encouraging them to have a love of reading.
2. Improve proficiency in Math and Science.
 - a. Chrome books were purchased to help students develop math skills.

3. A new goal still in progress will discuss Digital Citizenship.
 - a. Planning a parent night to educate them about social media so they can be supporting what goes on in the school and to help them as their students move into junior high.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Jerome Hansmann asked for clarification regarding the boundary guidelines for Lehi and Skyridge High Schools. He referred to the letter dated October 29 from Jess Christen, the Administrator of High Schools, addressed to Lehi Principal Dave Mower and Skyridge Principal Joel Perkins. The letter outlined the Board's decision to close the boundaries for Skyridge and Lehi High for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Hansmann said his questions for the Board were to clarify, not to debate or change the decision. He reported that some parents attended a meeting on Monday, November 23 with Principal Mower where they were told the Board decision had been changed and the boundaries to both schools would be open for the 2016-17 school year. He also asked for clarification regarding what is considered a "special exception" for students who are not seniors. At the parent meeting they were told if they lived in the Skyridge boundaries and had students who were not seniors that wanted to stay at Lehi High, writing "special exception" on the request form and submitting it to the counseling office, would allow the student to attend Lehi High for the 2016-17 school year. The letter from Mr. Christen indicated the requests would be evaluated by district administration, not the school counseling office. Superintendent Jarman told Mr. Hansmann that the letter from Mr. Christen and the minutes from the October 13 Board meeting have the accurate information regarding the boundary decision and the process for submitting out of area exceptions. December 1 is the deadline for senior students and consecutive grade siblings, living in the Skyridge boundaries, to submit the request to attend Lehi High for the 2016-17 school year. After December 1, the number of requests will be counted. Jess Christen met with Mr. Hansmann to address some additional questions.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2015-019 – Declaration of Excess Property

Superintendent Sam Jarman recommended the approval to declare the ATEC building in Linton, the Peck property in Highland and the Schow/Nickel property in Pleasant Grove as excess.

John Burton made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-019 - Declaration of Excess Property and JoDee Sundberg seconded it. Wendy Hart publicly thanked City Councilmen, Tim Irwin and Rod Mann from Highland for their help. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution 2015-023 – Boundary Line Agreement

Superintendent Sam Jarman recommended the approval of the established fence line, which now exists as the physical boundary line between Aspen Elementary and the adjacent property owners.

Paula Hill made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-019 – Boundary Line Agreement. Wendy Hart seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Lehi High School China Trip

Superintendent Sam Jarman made the recommendation for the action on the Lehi High School China Trip to be postponed until the December 8 Board meeting.

The recommendation to postpone the action was due to additional information provided by a Board member. Superintendent Jarman reported that the insurance information the Board requested has been gathered, but due to current situations around the world, a study of this request is needed.

Wendy Hart made the motion to postpone the action on the Lehi High School China Trip until the December 8 Board meeting. Scott Carlson seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Schools Closed to Out of Area Requests for 2016-17:
 - a. Lone Peak High School
 - b. Vista Heights Middle School

The Board discussed the need to review the capacity and enrollment of other schools in the district that may need to be closed to out of area students. Superintendent Jarman explained that there are fewer schools listed because of Alpine School District's effort to comply with the new Utah State Code. Board members agreed that more information is needed about the State Code's definition of teaching stations in determining school capacity. There was discussion about the need to help our legislature understand the repercussions on the school districts if local control is not allowed for the school boards to determine what is best for their schools and students.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott Carlson reported on the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) meeting he attended on November 19 and the proposed re-alignment and classification changes under discussion. There will be more discussion at future UHSAA meeting before there is a vote on the changes that will be effective in 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Scott Carlson and seconded by JoDee Sundberg, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.